Setting up of Sports Regulatory Authority

1161. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish a Sports Regulatory Authority to improve the performance of India's sportspersons at global events;

(b) whether the proposed regulatory authority would be modelled on national sports bodies in China and Cuba;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the proposed regulatory authority would help in resolving disputes between National Sports Federations that crop up often?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The draft Comprehensive National Sports Policy, 2007 prepared by the Ministry emphasizes the need for appropriate constitutional, legal and institutional measures to achieve the twin related objectives "SPORTS FOR ALL" and "EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS". There is a proposal in the draft to set up an independent Sports Regularoty Authority.

(b) and (c) The proposed Sports Regulatory Authority has not been modeled on the national sports bodies of China and Cuba. However, some other key lessons have been learnt from countries such as China and Cuba, where sports and youth development, and indeed national development, have been integrated in such a manner that they have made great progress in achieving the twin related objectives of broad-basing sports and achieving excellence in individual disciplines.

(d) The proposal to set up an independent Sports Regulatory Authority is designed to resolve sports-related disputes in an open and transparent manner by an independent statutory authority, specifically aimed and distancing Government from being involved with such dispute-resolutions as at present. The draft policy is still in the consultative process. The draft provisions with regard to the proposed Sports Regulatory Authority are being substantially revised to take account of objections raised and to bring the proposal in conformity with international practice and past precedent.

Encouragement to Sports

†1162. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the talented students are given less encouragement in sports at district level in the country;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal for formulating any National Scheme for the encouragement in sports and to decentralize the sports activities at district level; and

(c) if so, the effective steps that are proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The lack of adequate sports infrastructure, including training facilities, in rural areas has

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acted as a major constraint in both identifying and training telented sportspersons, includin students, in rural areas.

(b) and (c) With a view to addressing this lacuna, the draft Comprehensive National Sports Policy, 2007 lays special emphasis on providing universal access to sports facilities, particularly in rural areas and educational institutions . Government propose to launch a nation-wide rural sports infrastructure scheme, the Panchayat Yuva Khel Aur Krida Abhiyan (PYKKA), which aims at providing basic sports facilities at the Village Panchayat level and promoting appropriate training and competition structures at the Village Panchayat, block and district level for the promotion of sports in rural areas. The Planning Commission have accorded in principle approval to this scheme and communicated a tentative allocation of Rs. 1500 crore for the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

Promotion of shooting sports

1163. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) has procured a large number of imported arms and ammunitions for promotion of shooting sports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to provide these imported arms to the Members of NRAI;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of arms & ammunition imported by NRAI since 2001 till date are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) to (e) The Government allows NRAI to import the arms and ammunitions which are used by its members, shooters, and affiliated units for promotion of shooting sports in the country by way of training, coaching camps and organization of national & international competitions.

Statement

Details of arms and ammunition imported and Import Licenses received by NRAI since 2001 till date

Sl. No.	License	Date	Items	Qty.
1	2	3	4	5
1.	P/Z/0144724	28.2.2001	Steyr Air Pistol	2
			Ansuhutz Air Rifle	2
			Anschutz rearsight & 6832 Foresight	2
			Anschutz SB Rifle	1
			Anschutz 7010/20 rearsight	1
			& 6832 Foresight	1